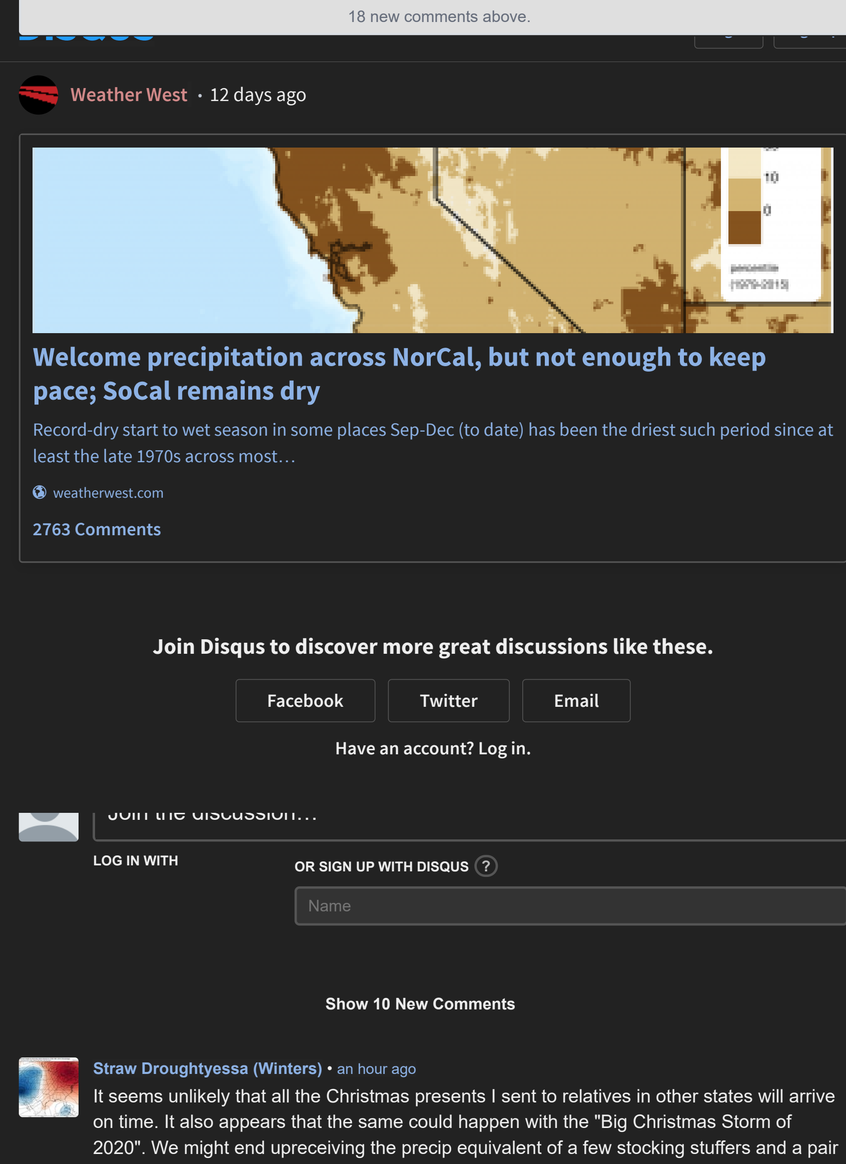

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Weather West • 12 days ago

Welcome precipitation across NorCal, but not enough to keep pace; SoCal remains dry

Record-dry start to wet season in some places Sep-Dec (to date) has been the driest such period since at least the late 1970s across most…

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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • an hour ago

It seems unlikely that all the Christmas presents I sent to relatives in other states will arrive on time. It also appears that the same could happen with the "Big Christmas Storm of 2020". We might end upreceiving the precip equivalent of a few stocking stuffers and a pair of socks.

Hopefully the rest of the goodies arrive later in the week and don't get lost in the mail.

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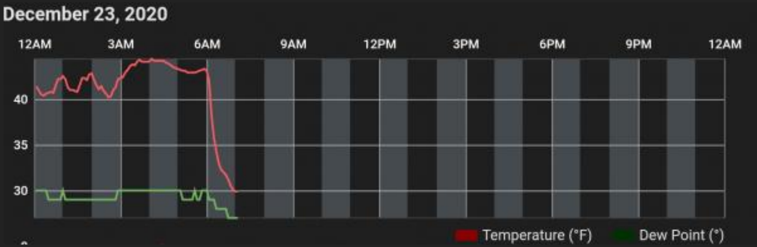
John (Brentwood, CA) • an hour ago

Crazy temperature free-fall the last hour. Went from 43 down to 29. This is a new low since I installed my Davis station almost 3 years ago. I think my all-time recorded low is 27.



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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ John (Brentwood, CA) • an hour ago • edited

Likely the offshore wind killed the dewpoint and as soon as the very dry air stopped moving the temp plummeted. Happens here all the time and is generally how we get our coldest temps of the winter.

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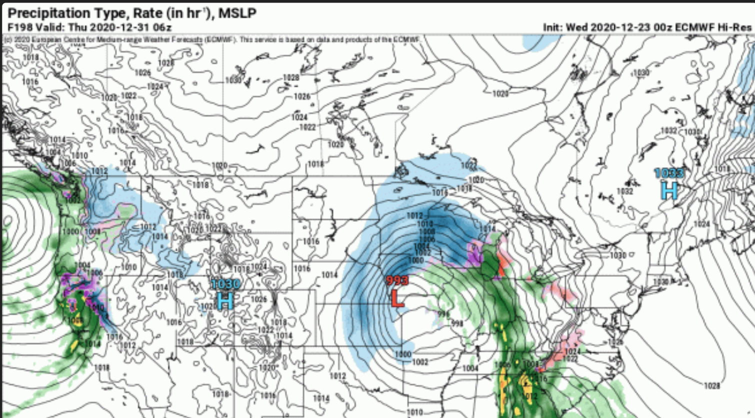
EastBayDipole • 2 hours ago • edited

ECMF shows quite the storm on New Year's Eve for Norcal. This doesn't exist (yet) on GFS



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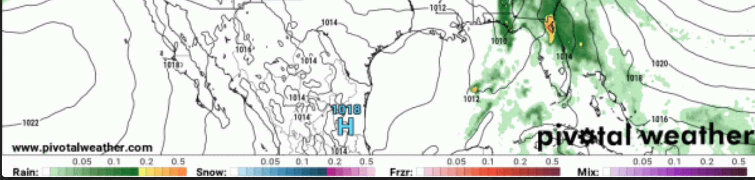

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Chris (Morgan Hill) • 3 hours ago

I left Morgan Hill at (first picture) and arrived at the pool in San Jose at (second picture!)

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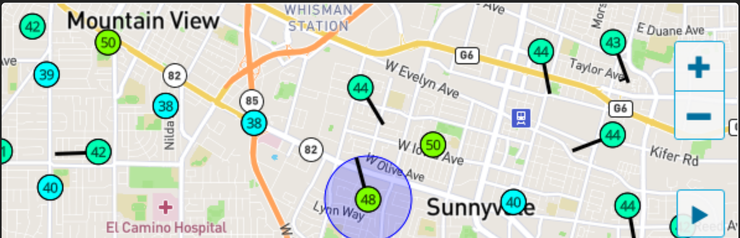
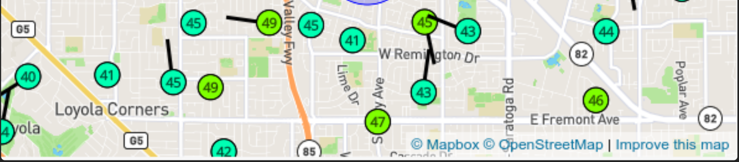
AR (Sunnyvale) • 9 hours ago

Quite the spread in temperatures this evening over relatively short distances. Offshore winds have kept temperatures in the high 40s for the entire evening here, while areas without any wind are much cooler.





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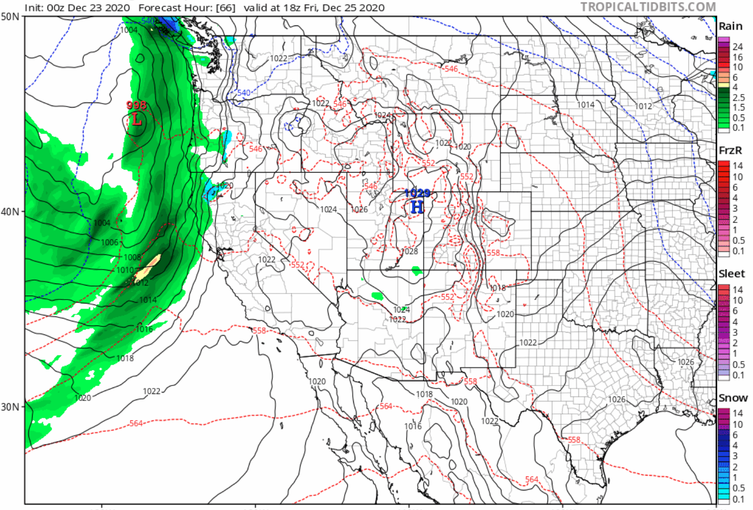
Jason Jackson Willamette • 11 hours ago

Here's the 00Z Tropical Tidbits animation of what's coming. A gift, long promised, longer still, prayed for. A wetting, vernal pool filling, creek activating precious gift from the skies.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Ormsby County donut hole ➦ Jason Jackson Willamette • 3 hours ago

Could be a nice deformation snowband over Western NV on Monday as the NWS Reno was hinting at this morning.

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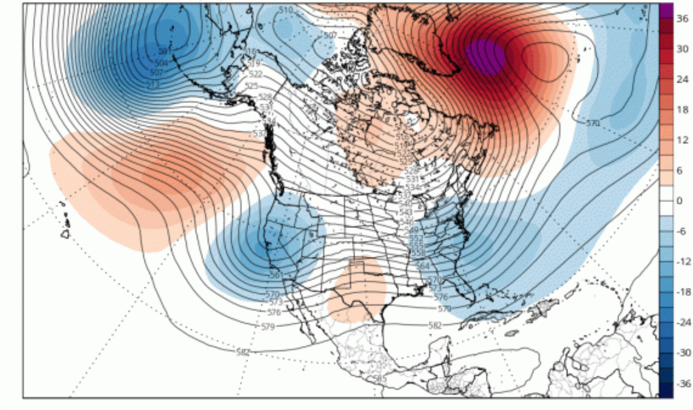
felton-zaylandia ➦ Jason Jackson Willamette • 9 hours ago

GEFS Ensemble has been remarkably consistent with the trough placement around the 28th for several days in a row. The other ensembles seem to generally agree. I will leave my tools outside for good luck!



GEFS 500mb Geopotential Height & Anomaly (dam) (based on CFSR 1981-2010 Climatology)
Init: 00z Dec 20 2020 Forecast Hour: [204] valid at 12z Mon, Dec 28 2020

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Nathan ➦ Jason Jackson Willamette • 10 hours ago

A little worried about a northward shift in moisture.

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William Justo ➦ Nathan • 9 hours ago

I know right? What if the first storm moves too far north and the 2nd moves too far south... -_- Very slim chance that'll happen but the possibility is there.

2 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill) ➦ Jason Jackson Willamette • 11 hours ago

I'm expecting a half inch up to NYE. That ain't going to activate any creeks.

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alanstorm ➦ Jason Jackson Willamette • 11 hours ago

Rain continuing into January?

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Jason Jackson Willamette ➦ alanstorm • 11 hours ago

That's not what the models are showing. But, change is the universal constant. So, brace yourself, because we're just getting started.

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FolsomPrisonBlues ➦ Jason Jackson Willamette • 11 hours ago

we were talking about a December shutout earlier this month and back in November, so anything is possible!

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Ken Hicks ➦ Jason Jackson Willamette • 11 hours ago

Finally some rain in SoCal!

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Unbiased Observer ➦ Jason Jackson Willamette • 11 hours ago

If that trajectory holds there will be many happy people on this board.

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Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 12 hours ago • edited

Despite the upcoming rains, this looks to be yet another below average December. Been an incredible run of relatively drier than average December's the last 7-8 years across California. On the other hand anything is better than 107 F weather and smoke!

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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • an hour ago

Last December was not drier than average for everyone. Western Yolo and Solano Counties got 8 inches which is roughly 200% of average.

The weather since 2017 has been a "winners and losers" scenario as far as precip is concerned.

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FolsomPrisonBlues ➦ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 11 hours ago

I will still take it. Better to have below average than nothing. Any bit we get is precious.

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AR (Sunnyvale) ➦ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 11 hours ago

For my location, 2012, 2014, and 2019 were probably the best Decembers over the last 7-8 years. Despite the praise for 2016 below, the rainshadowed Santa Clara Valley was largely left out of the action, with only around 2 inches (average of 2.91"). That being said, 2014 and 2019 were also quite a mixed bag for the state.

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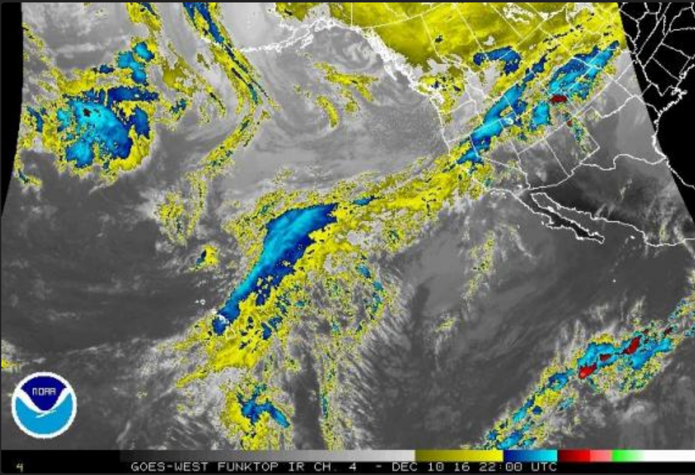
Carson Lee Side ➦ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 11 hours ago

I'd say that our last really good December, at least across the northern part of the WW region, was part of the Great Winter of 17 that you display as your name. December, 2016 featured a very juicy AR on the 9th and 10th. Plus there was another very wet storm on the 15th. I ended up with a total of 3.61" that month out of 6 separate storms.

12/10/16, AR:



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Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) ➦ Carson Lee Side • 11 hours ago

I seem to remember December 2016 being just a relatively average month and quickly drying out towards New Years. But, hey it's a massive area California and Nevada covers so it's different for everybody.

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Carson Lee Side ➦ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 10 hours ago

Chris, down in Morgan Hill, may have measured some large totals that month, if I remember correctly. The Bay Area rain shadows played out in some interesting and in disappointing ways that season. My location often is plagued by rain shadow, but it was not that season. It seemed that every AR was aimed right at us and easily dumped rain in this valley.

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Shane Ritter ➦ Carson Lee Side • 9 hours ago

Reno recorded 16" of Rain that winter, blasting the previous record of 12" set in 83'

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Tuolumne ➦ Carson Lee Side • 10 hours ago

It's not even shadows necessarily. San Francisco and Oakland had nice but unremarkable seasons despite relative lack of shadowing, while Santa Rosa and Morgan Hill had record or near-record seasons.

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Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) ➦ Tuolumne • 10 hours ago

16-17 went ham here. 40” total that year is our biggest total since putting up my weather station in 2014 followed by 18-19 with 34”.

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Ken Hicks ➦ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 11 hours ago

2012 was the last great Dec. I think, 2014's all came in one day it seems!

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Carson Lee Side ➦ Ken Hicks • 11 hours ago

Dec, 2012 was a very solid month. Probably the most potent December since 12/2005, which was colossal.

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jstrahl ➦ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 11 hours ago

Certainly not 2014, and not 2016.

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Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) ➦ jstrahl • 11 hours ago • edited

Dec 2014 is in a league of its own at least along the Peninsula. 15” in just a few weeks that month easily beating out Jan/Feb 2017 and Feb 2019.

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Carson Lee Side ➦ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 10 hours ago

To support your valid point that WW is a big region that experiences a variety of weather results; Dec 2014 delivered a disappointing 1.09" at my location, while Jan 2017 is the wettest month in my record with 9.93"

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Nathan ➦ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 10 hours ago

And then it basically didn't rain much again til winter 2015. That Jan/Feb/Mar was pretty much the worst of the worst in terms of drought.

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Carson Lee Side ➦ jstrahl • 11 hours ago

Ah man, I just sang some praise for 2016 right above.

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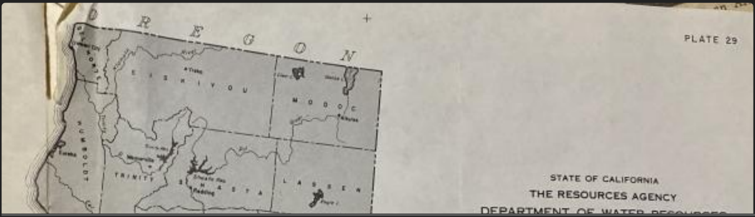
alanstorm • 13 hours ago

56 years ago tonight, Northern California & much of Oregon were in the grips of a major disaster & arguably the biggest storm to hit the West Coast since 1862. Between the mornings of Dec 21 & Dec 23, up to 33”will have fallen, resulting in historic crests over a vast region & the largest recorded flow of any California river at
950,000 cfs on the Eel River.
Destruction was total in the Eel & Klamath basins with entire towns obliterated, hiways, bridges & railroads totally wiped out.
The great storm was enhanced by remnants of Cat 5 Supertyphoon opal, which reached the West Coast Dec 21



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felton-zaylandia alanstorm • 8 hours ago

Thanks for sharing that! It inspired me to do some research and found out that the 1964 Pacific cyclone season was the most active ever recorded!

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Jason Jackson Willamette alanstorm • 11 hours ago

Absolutely amazing. But, if this sort of event were to come upon us in this time, the devastation and loss of lives would be very, very bad. Let us look back with respect and a furrowed brow, and ask the forces of nature not be released on us so unrelentingly.

I'll share this with you all. I had a dream a few weeks ago. In it, the streets in my neighborhood were flowing rivers, and the rains were unrelenting for days. Now, is this coming you might ask?

We'll see...

4 | • Reply • Share ›

alanstorm Jason Jackson Willamette • 9 hours ago • edited

At least along the Eel & Klamath, there would be less property damage because there are no towns left there to wipe out.

They’re ghost towns

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Yolo Hoe ↪ alanstorm • 12 hours ago

Those vintage maps are great

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Ken Hicks ↪ alanstorm • 12 hours ago

And record cold in the Pacific NW! Just like 1862.

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alanstorm ↪ Ken Hicks • 12 hours ago

Was a big Arctic outbreak prior to & after hinting at a highly amplified pattern. Cold polar air combined with warm subtropical air = heavy rains

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Tuolumne ↪ alanstorm • 13 hours ago

What's most impressive is to visit the area and see signs indicating how high the water went, far above any normal floodplain elevation.

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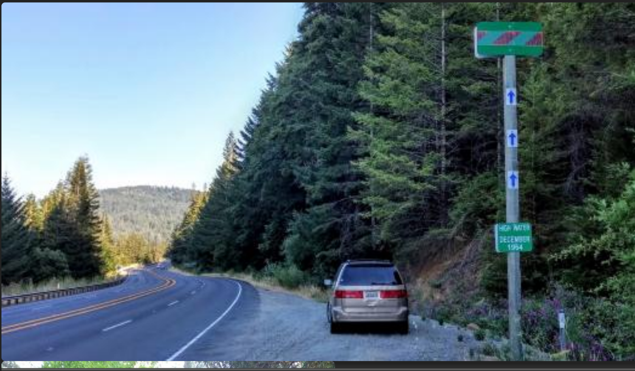
alanstorm ↪ Tuolumne • 13 hours ago • edited

Here are the 3 Caltrans put up.
....Im not the old guy in the pic.
Pepperwood didn’t get a marker but had 30+ft of water over hiway 101



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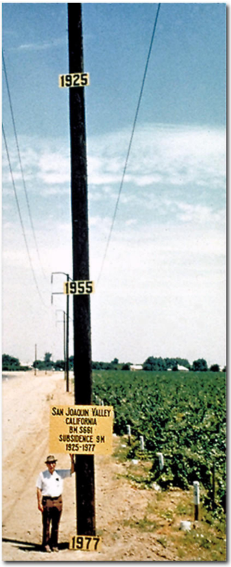
PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) ➦ alanstorm • 10 hours ago

They told me the ground was sinking. Same guy?



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alanstorm ➦ PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) • 10 hours ago

Wow

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Kȳros ➦ alanstorm • 12 hours ago

Just insane.

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Tuolumne ➦ Kȳros • 12 hours ago

My family visited the area the next year, and the beaches were just loaded with immense amounts of fairly fresh driftwood, pretty much good-sized redwood trees and pieces thereof that had been flushed out to sea by the flood then washed up afterwards.

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Pfirman ➦ alanstorm • 12 hours ago

That guy you called old reminds me I so want to pose for that same pic with rolled up pants.

3 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

Jason Jackson Willamette ➦ Pfirman • 11 hours ago

And hoisting an inner tube around your waist...

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alanstorm ➦ Pfirman • 12 hours ago

You made one of your fellow LB residents laugh out loud

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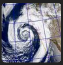

SoCalWXwatcher • 16 hours ago

Pure awesomeness. I bet Cantore wishes he had been there.
"THUNDERSNOOWWWWW!!!!..."

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Skye H. ↪ SoCalWXwatcher • 11 hours ago

"HOLY SMOKEESSSS! TOTALLY LIT UP THE SKY"

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Noah's ARk (209) ↪ SoCalWXwatcher • 15 hours ago

impressive squall

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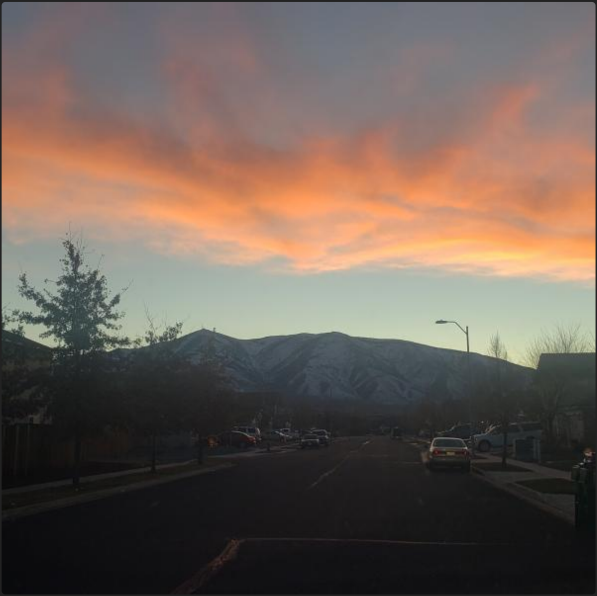
Shane Ritter • 16 hours ago

Another great sunset



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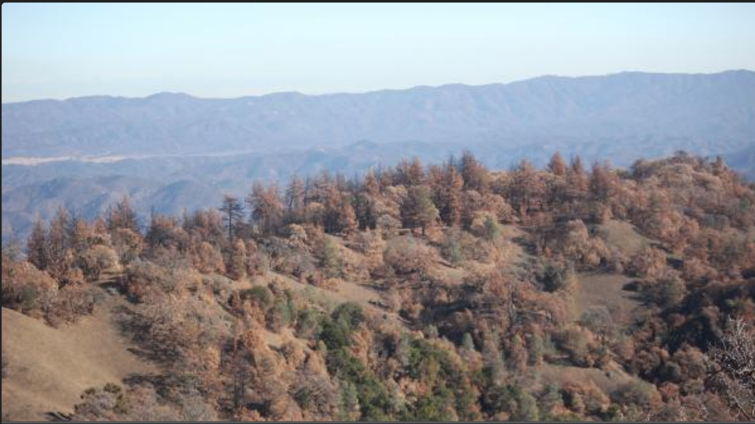
Geomagnetic_Storm(San Jose) • 17 hours ago

Here are some pics from the SCU Complex Fire.



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seattle weather fan ➦ Geomagnetic_Storm(San Jose) • 16 hours ago

Looks like a bunch of the trees survived which means it should recover fairly quickly. I got a chance to fly over the big fire by Oroville Lake and while there were some patches of complete destruction I also noticed quite a few areas where the trees seemed okay.

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Weather West **Mod** ➦ seattle weather fan • 14 hours ago

It depends entirely on the precise location within a specific burn scar. I'm personally hearing from multiple ecologists doing over-flights and hike-throughs that there was likely very extensive tree mortality across hundreds of thousands of acres this year in CA at the interior of these fires (particularly the Bear/North Complex, SQF Complex, and portions of Creek and CZU complexes). Intensity much lower and more of a mosaic burn pattern near the fire margins, which is a very different story and was likely net beneficial to ecosystems in those areas. While there were a huge diversity of fire regimes and ecosystems affected this year, there will likely be some transformational and/or permanent changes in at least some of them. (The SCU Complex actually looks like an example of a relatively beneficial, mixed-intensity burn scar that will recover relatively quickly compared to other scars that burned much more intensely in densely forested areas).
https://www.latimes.com/cal...

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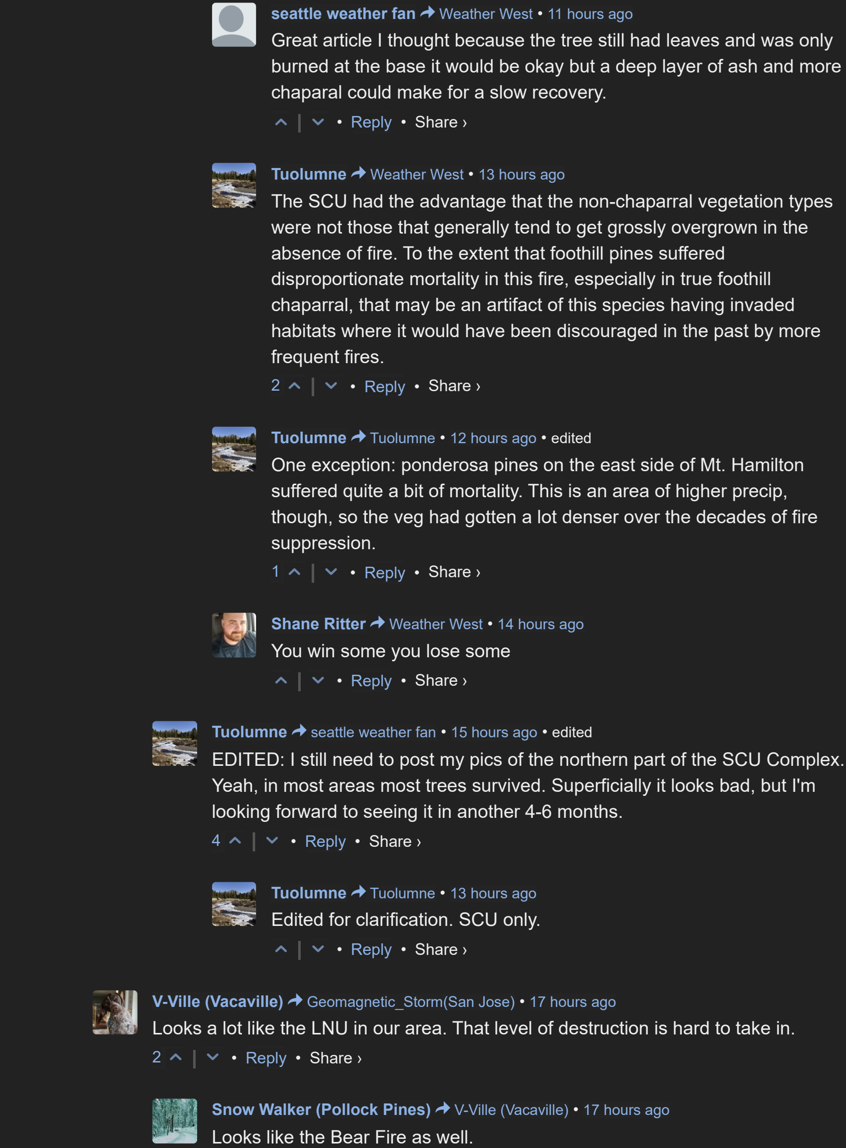

seattle weather fan ➦ Weather West • 11 hours ago

Great article I thought because the tree still had leaves and was only burned at the base it would be okay but a deep layer of ash and more chaparal could make for a slow recovery.

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Tuolumne ➦ Weather West • 13 hours ago

The SCU had the advantage that the non-chaparral vegetation types were not those that generally tend to get grossly overgrown in the absence of fire. To the extent that foothill pines suffered disproportionate mortality in this fire, especially in true foothill chaparral, that may be an artifact of this species having invaded habitats where it would have been discouraged in the past by more frequent fires.

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Tuolumne ➦ Tuolumne • 12 hours ago • edited

One exception: ponderosa pines on the east side of Mt. Hamilton suffered quite a bit of mortality. This is an area of higher precip, though, so the veg had gotten a lot denser over the decades of fire suppression.

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Shane Ritter ➦ Weather West • 14 hours ago

You win some you lose some

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Tuolumne ➦ seattle weather fan • 15 hours ago • edited

EDITED: I still need to post my pics of the northern part of the SCU Complex. Yeah, in most areas most trees survived. Superficially it looks bad, but I'm looking forward to seeing it in another 4-6 months.

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Tuolumne ➦ Tuolumne • 13 hours ago

Edited for clarification. SCU only.

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V-Ville (Vacaville) ➦ Geomagnetic_Storm(San Jose) • 17 hours ago

Looks a lot like the LNU in our area. That level of destruction is hard to take in.

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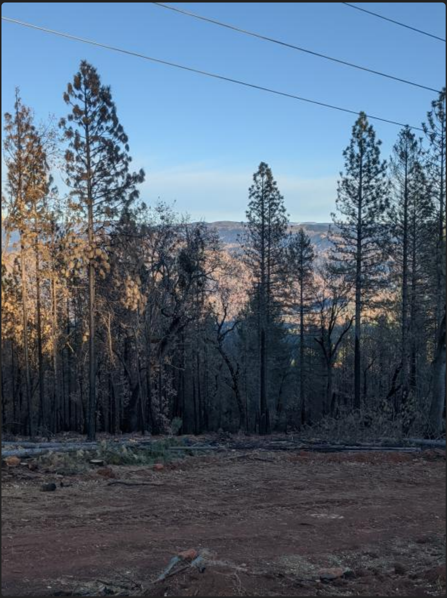
Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ V-Ville (Vacaville) • 17 hours ago

Looks like the Bear Fire as well.



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meteoguy ↪ Geomagnetic_Storm(San Jose) • 17 hours ago

Spectacular images from a horrific event. Interesting that wildfires often skip over a patch of trees here and there, creating a mosaic of different aged trees. Aside from that, this looks like an American tragedy.

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Pfirman ↪ meteoguy • 12 hours ago

They skip houses too, sometimes.

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Tuolumne ↪ meteoguy • 13 hours ago • edited

A lot of the brown leaves in this fire represent hardwood trees whose foliage and twigs got singed by the heat of the fire. Most of those trees are going to regrow new foliage and look fine by summer. The last photo shows an area that burned hotter, and in that location the trees may have been killed, at least above ground. Even in these cases I expect that oak trees will mostly resprout from the base.

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CoastmanCliff-Orcutt • 18 hours ago

WOW, look at this! Everybody is excited. Like we are going to get rain excited!!

I guess I better put my rain gauge out for the first time this year.

6 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

David (SF) • 18 hours ago

FWIW, my wife has no meteorological knowledge or training but is full of sunny (or perhaps rainy) optimism and she predicts a good snow year.

6 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Craig Ferrari • 18 hours ago

Remember the 90 freeze well and the duck hunting was off the hook that week!

Wishing for another soon.

^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Juan (Santa Paula) • 18 hours ago

GFS brought back some of the rainfall totals up. knew it would happen

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Unbiased Observer ➦ Juan (Santa Paula) • 18 hours ago

Still has the low heading straight toward Baja though. System is looking too splitty for any decent precip in the Sierra, but is better for Socal coastal areas.

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Juan (Santa Paula) ➦ Unbiased Observer • 18 hours ago

it'll be the convective part of the storm that will be most interesting imo

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Chris (Morgan Hill) • 18 hours ago

I wrote this on my MH Rainfall page. Thought I'd copy and share.

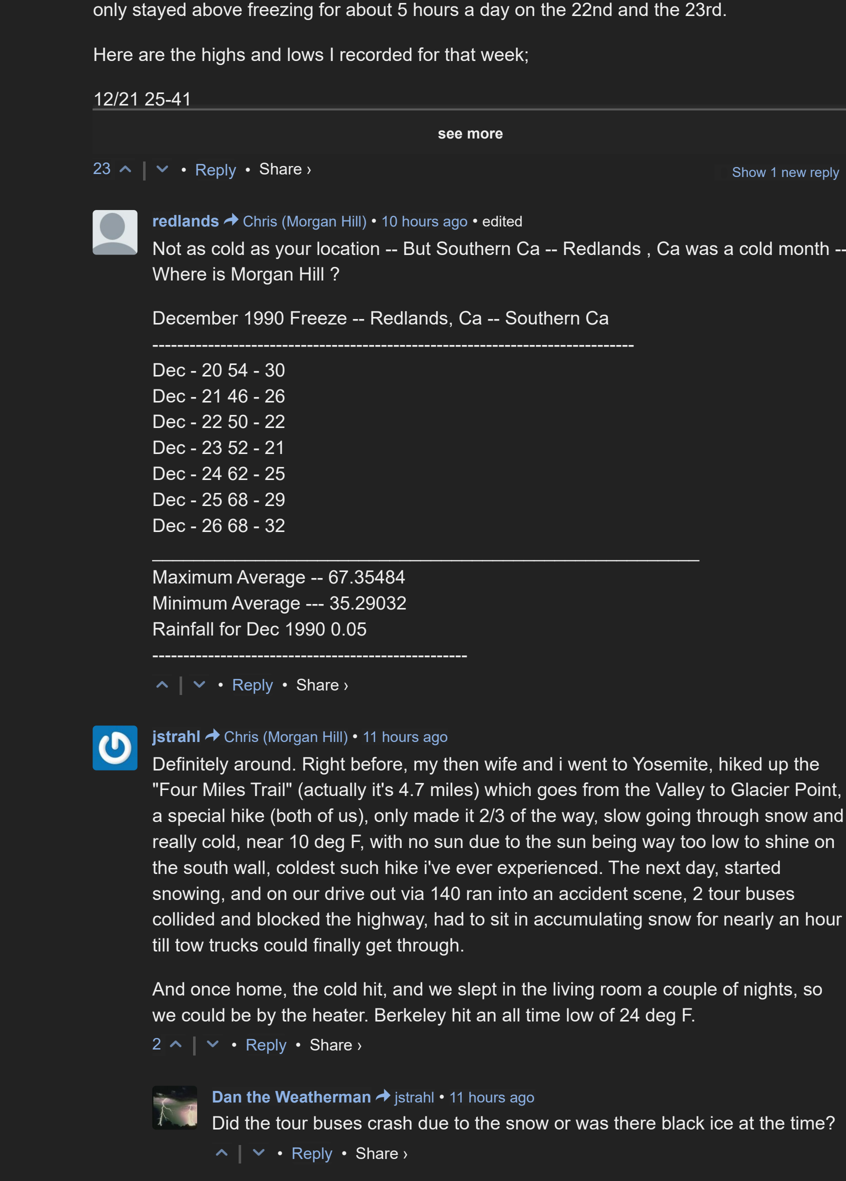
Issued 11:29am 12/22/20

TODAY IN MH WEATHER HISTORY

This week is the 31st anniversary of the historic December 1990 freeze.

On 12/20 of that year, an arctic front arrived from western Canada. Only a few light showers fell along the front with the snow level lowering to just above Jackson Oaks/Holiday Lake before the precipitation ended that evening.

By the next morning the temperature fell to 25 degrees....which was the coldest reading of the season thus far. This is nothing compared to what will occur in the following days. Overnight temps fell into the high single digits to the mid teens for a few nights. High temps



only stayed above freezing for about 5 hours a day on the 22nd and the 23rd.

Here are the highs and lows I recorded for that week;

12/21 25-41

redlands → Chris (Morgan Hill) • 10 hours ago • edited

Not as cold as your location -- But Southern Ca -- Redlands , Ca was a cold month -- Where is Morgan Hill ?

December 1990 Freeze -- Redlands, Ca -- Southern Ca

Dec - 20 54 - 30
Dec - 21 46 - 26
Dec - 22 50 - 22
Dec - 23 52 - 21
Dec - 24 62 - 25
Dec - 25 68 - 29
Dec - 26 68 - 32

Maximum Average -- 67.35484
Minimum Average --- 35.29032
Rainfall for Dec 1990 0.05

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jstrahl → Chris (Morgan Hill) • 11 hours ago

Definitely around. Right before, my then wife and i went to Yosemite, hiked up the "Four Miles Trail" (actually it's 4.7 miles) which goes from the Valley to Glacier Point, a special hike (both of us), only made it 2/3 of the way, slow going through snow and really cold, near 10 deg F, with no sun due to the sun being way too low to shine on the south wall, coldest such hike i've ever experienced. The next day, started snowing, and on our drive out via 140 ran into an accident scene, 2 tour buses collided and blocked the highway, had to sit in accumulating snow for nearly an hour till tow trucks could finally get through.

And once home, the cold hit, and we slept in the living room a couple of nights, so we could be by the heater. Berkeley hit an all time low of 24 deg F.

Dan the Weatherman → jstrahl • 11 hours ago

Did the tour buses crash due to the snow or was there black ice at the time?

jstrahl → Dan the Weatherman • 11 hours ago

There may have been black ice under the snow, and both apparently were going too fast for a 2 lane highway with lots of curves.

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Nathan → Chris (Morgan Hill) • 12 hours ago

citrus damage must've been insane

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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) → Nathan • 11 hours ago

That freeze killed trees down to the roots in very areas.

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Unbiased Observer → Chris (Morgan Hill) • 13 hours ago

That freeze is what got me into the weather as a 10 year old child.

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redlands → Chris (Morgan Hill) • 13 hours ago

Yes, i do, concerning December 1990 -- stats coming

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Ormsby County donut hole → Chris (Morgan Hill) • 13 hours ago

I was living in a townhouse in Gardnerville with my ex-wife and the initial arctic front brought about 5 inches of very powdery snow as we had some good upslope off of Jobs Peak. Then the frigid air set in. On one of the days we had a high of 5F and a low of -22. We had a pipe burst in the upstairs bathroom and the water was coming through the overhead kitchen light. I remember Tom's Diner by Suzanne Vega was playing on my ex-wifes stereo when the water came a rushing in. After all that the death ridge from hell moved in for a two month stay until Miracle March of 91 began.

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SusanH → Chris (Morgan Hill) • 14 hours ago

I remember it well. I lived in Danville then. It got down to 7 degrees, outdoor pipes broke but I didn’t realize it until my neighbor called me at work and said I had geysers of water shooting all over the place. My California pepper tree died from the freeze and a long fence line of prickly pear cactus turned to mush. Pretty amazing low temps.

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Pfirman → SusanH • 12 hours ago

Losing my nopales was a blow. I saw an elderly woman walking with a couple paddles a few months later and asked where she got them. In answer she just handed me one and that is the line I have still.

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Tuolumne ↪ Pfirman • 12 hours ago

My parents lost their Indian laurel fig tree. Not a huge loss because the other trees in the back yard had gotten pretty big in the meantime, but still that thing was the centerpiece of the back yard. Killed all the way down to the roots.

BTW, like many other tropical trees the rings weren't annual. There were something like 70 or 80 rings, most of which had grown after the tree was planted around 15 years earlier.

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Pfirman ↪ Tuolumne • 12 hours ago

I think my birthdays must work like this. Sure feels that way.

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Shane Spencer ↪ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 16 hours ago • edited

I remember that massive freeze very well. The wife and I traveled back East for Christmas that December. We took her California 1965 Mustang across I-80. By the time we reached Wendover I had stuffed my Field Jacket into the vent on the drivers side. Even though it was closed, a steady draft kept flowing through and my entire left leg was numb. Somewhere around Elko it seemed as though the heater wasn't working even though it was on full blast, the air was barely warm.
My mother mentioned to place a big ole square of cardboard in front of the radiator, to keep the frozen air from flowing through it, and help keep the water in the heater system warmer.
I'll be dipped, and still remember that it worked like a charm. The Mustang interior started to actually warm up, and made the rest of the trip to Colorado tolerable.
We arrived at 9 pm to -22 below zero.
Meanwhile Sacramento, California recorded its 5th record low in a row with 23 degrees.

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V-Ville (Vacaville) ↪ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 17 hours ago

I remember it well. I landed at San Jose international on 12/21 in shorts and a t-shirt having spent 10 days in Australia with the equivalent of 100+ degree heat. Fortunately my mother met me at the airport with a coat. I had her drip pipes both outside and inside to keep them from freezing (she thought that was nuts).

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Tim ↪ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 17 hours ago

I have home video from when I was a kid, we were outside our house in Oakland at 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening, looking at the thermometer and it was 22 degrees. Hard to fathom today. Not only do we not get cold snaps on that scale, we basically don't get arctic outbreaks like that anymore. We have more blocked patterns, more meridional flow, and a less stable arctic, which I would think would produce these sorts of patterns once in a while, but it only produces warm ridges that get stuck in the west. It doesn't make any sense.

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ Tim • 16 hours ago

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Dave Ranning ➦ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 17 hours ago

Ever been to Bodie or Bridgeport in the winter?
Don't remember it, but don't remember being in CA.

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2Pluvious-MH ➦ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 17 hours ago

I remember...
The spa lid was half open and ice was forming on the lid at sunset.
Ice/frost hung around all day in shady areas
Dry inside slider. the coldest kind.

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rob b-Truckee/East Bay ➦ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 17 hours ago

I remember it well, lead off the local news for a few days. I remember my family losing quite a few plants in our yard and the cold lasted all day. IIRC the temps in the Sierra were extreme cold causing many issues, back then central heat wasn’t commonplace and to close down a home meant turning the water off and 😬 putting antifreeze in the toilets.

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ rob b-Truckee/East Bay • 16 hours ago • edited

People don't do that anymore?No central heat is still pretty common in Pollock. We just have a wood stove and kerosene heater at my place. I was told to put antifreeze in the toilets if we are going to be gone for an extended period of time. Doesn't seem environmentally friendly though. I wouldn't do it without research and it doesn't get cold like it used to.

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meteoguy ➦ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 17 hours ago • edited

Thank you for sharing these well-kept notes. These are a treasure! I was living in Pennsylvania back then (a California transplant), and meteorologist Joe Bastardi dismissed the importance of this event on TV, saying that "California is finally getting what we call 'normal weather.'" That's it. I didn't appreciate that dismissal back then, and I don't care for that attitude now.

In 1990, Pennsylvania Public Television had a daily half-our show, broadcasting from the Department of Meteorology at Penn State. It seems that California could use a steady, professional, and reliable show like that during fire season.

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weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill) ➦ meteoguy • 17 hours ago

I can't stand Joe Bastardi. Climate change denier and also not very good at forecasting.

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Carson City Weather ➦ meteoguy • 17 hours ago

I think that was called Weather World wasn't it? I think they still do it today if I'm not mistaken. You probably remember Lee Grenci on some of those shows. I had him as a teacher and he used to recount some of those "good ol' days".

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 17 hours ago

I don't remember it nearly as well as the March Miracle of 1991 which ultimately led to the end of the drought.

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meteoguy ➦ Dan the Weatherman • 17 hours ago

More like the beginning of the end of repeated droughts. Overall, it appears that drought is the natural state of affairs in California. Atmospheric river events occasionally drench large swaths of the state for a temporary pause.

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ meteoguy • 16 hours ago

Maybe I should have said that particular drought, as drought is a repetitive occurrence in CA.

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weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill) ➦ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 18 hours ago • edited

This is crazy! I was only 4 years old so don't remember anything, but the closest event I can think of which would somewhat resemble it is the January 2007 cold snap (again, a drought year). I was living in SLO at the time and remember lows in Paso Robles dropped to 12 or 14, mid 20s in SLO, and mid 30's at San Diego Lindbergh Field. I believe Downtown LA also dropped into the mid 30s. I don't recall highs in the 30s anywhere though in the lower elevations. I remember highs in the 40s in the Central Valley. The HIGH temps in the 1990 cold snap was truly remarkable....let alone the low temps.

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Tuolumne ➦ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 18 hours ago

I was around for this one. I'd been living in LA for over a year by that point and that had temporarily turned me into a cold-weather wimp.

So I arrive in the East Bay for the holidays having forgotten my jacket or any other warm gear (because of LA habits I'd acquired), and this amazing cold snap arrives. I spent the entire cold snap hardly leaving the house, unlike the 1972 freeze where I enjoyed getting out and about to see what was happening. I also remember it being windy so there was no inversion.

Upon my long-term return to the NorCal lowlands at a later date I quickly reacquired the requisite cold tolerance for the area, which is still not much at all compared to what's needed in places like Truckee or Alturas.

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Tuolumne ➦ Tuolumne • 18 hours ago

I should also add that when I visited the higher elevations of the east side of the southern Sierra the following summer, I noticed a lot of freeze damage on the evergreen shrubs in the area, which in a normal freeze would have been better protected by snow. I also ran into some of this damage the year after in Siskiyou County. Shrubs like Ceanothus velutinus (snowbush) had been damaged and killed back by the cold.

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Carson Lee Side ➦ Tuolumne • 17 hours ago

I remember that cold snap in 1990 killed off nearly all of the Pyracantha in Carson City.

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2Pluvious-MH ➦ Carson Lee Side • 17 hours ago

In my mind that's a good thing

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Carson Lee Side ➦ 2Pluvious-MH • 15 hours ago

When full of bright red berries, it is quite showy stuff. But you are right, it is nasty and thorny, too; just about impossible to work with.

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ 2Pluvious-MH • 16 hours ago

Pyracanthas are very thorny plants and their thorns are tough, too!

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2Pluvious-MH ➦ Dan the Weatherman • 16 hours ago

Precisely! I had to trim the hedges for my folks.

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Carson Lee Side ➦ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 18 hours ago

Oh yeah. I remember. I just checked some stats to confirm this again. The *high* temperature in Carson City on 12/22/90 was 5°F. On the 22nd and 23rd the low temperature bottomed out at -19°F. It has not been nearly that cold here since that time.

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Ormsby County donut hole ➦ Carson Lee Side • 13 hours ago

Subzero temps in Carson City are becoming a more rare occurrence as time goes by. We used to count on a couple nights per year of at least down to zero or a few degrees below.

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Carson City Weather ➦ Carson Lee Side • 17 hours ago

Thankfully I was living in balmy GA at the time and wasn't missing the news stories of the cold in the west.

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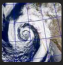
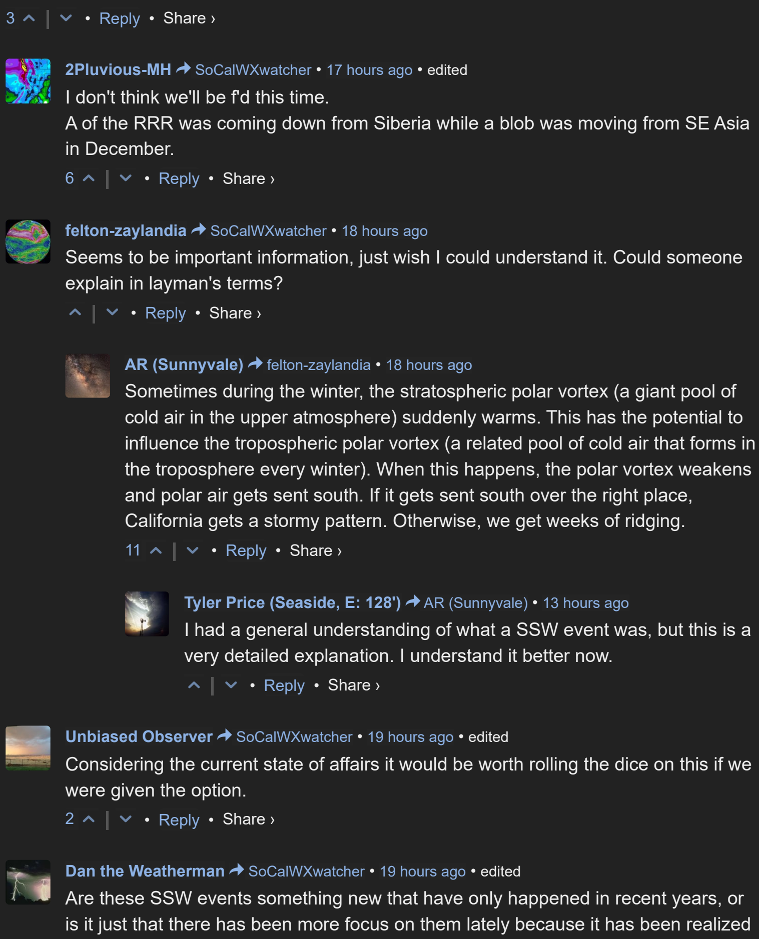


SoCalWXwatcher • 19 hours ago

This could either work out well for us (2018), or very bad for us (2013) here in the West.



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2Pluvious-MH ➦ SoCalWXwatcher • 17 hours ago • edited

I don't think we'll be f'd this time.
A of the RRR was coming down from Siberia while a blob was moving from SE Asia in December.

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felton-zaylandia ➦ SoCalWXwatcher • 18 hours ago

Seems to be important information, just wish I could understand it. Could someone explain in layman's terms?

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AR (Sunnyvale) ➦ felton-zaylandia • 18 hours ago

Sometimes during the winter, the stratospheric polar vortex (a giant pool of cold air in the upper atmosphere) suddenly warms. This has the potential to influence the tropospheric polar vortex (a related pool of cold air that forms in the troposphere every winter). When this happens, the polar vortex weakens and polar air gets sent south. If it gets sent south over the right place, California gets a stormy pattern. Otherwise, we get weeks of ridging.

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Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') ➦ AR (Sunnyvale) • 13 hours ago

I had a general understanding of what a SSW event was, but this is a very detailed explanation. I understand it better now.

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Unbiased Observer ➦ SoCalWXwatcher • 19 hours ago • edited

Considering the current state of affairs it would be worth rolling the dice on this if we were given the option.

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ SoCalWXwatcher • 19 hours ago • edited

Are these SSW events something new that have only happened in recent years, or is it just that there has been more focus on them lately because it has been realized that they can affect weather patterns?

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Carson City Weather Dan the Weatherman • 17 hours ago • edited

I have been hearing about them for about 15+ years or so.

Anecdotally, I have noticed they can really mix things up and put us into an active/wet pattern after a prolonged dry one. I haven't studied it too much and I'm sure wherever blocking may set up, if any, could just as easily take us from one dry regime to another over the west coast. The last few were thankfully a nice help to keep us out of a worse drought conditions than we could have potentially seen over the last few years.

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SoCalWXwatcher Dan the Weatherman • 17 hours ago

They've been happening roughly every few years or so. I think the phenomenon was first identified in the 1950's. I think it's been getting more attention of late, ever since "Polar Vortex" became a household word during the 2013 event which had that big displacement of frigid Arctic air over the Midwest.

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2Pluvious-MH SoCalWXwatcher • 17 hours ago

We're learning a lot about wind and temps in the stratosphere and how it affects us down here.

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Carson Lee Side SoCalWXwatcher • 17 hours ago

I recall that the first place I heard about the SSW phenomena was over at Howard's Dweeb report. However, I don't recall exactly what year that was ;-/

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Dan the Weatherman SoCalWXwatcher • 17 hours ago

You are probably right, and it was around that time period in 2013 when I first started to hear about SSWs.

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Weather West Mod SoCalWXwatcher • 19 hours ago • edited

Exactly. It sure would shake things up; that could be good or bad for CA depending on where the blocking sets up.

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weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill) ↪ Weather West • 18 hours ago

It's definitely concerning if it turns out bad. "Bad" could mean a 40 day dry spell...something we've seen from these events before. The current weather pattern we've seen since mid-November could've actually been our true storm cycle that might be coming to an end soon, which is a really scary thought.

On the other hand, we've seen good turnouts (ex: Feb 2019). We shall see!

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Ormsby County donut hole ↪ weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill) • 13 hours ago

The outcome could be like the 87-88 winter with a OK start then a death ridge from mid-January until April. We were doing a little better precip wise at this point in 1987 than this season but ended very dry save for a pretty wet Mid-April series of storms.

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SoCalWXwatcher ↪ weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill) • 18 hours ago

Was it 2018 or 2019? I remember one of these events saving our bacon.

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Leland (Town Biz) ↪ SoCalWXwatcher • 18 hours ago

March 2018

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Leor Pantilat ↪ Leland (Town Biz) • 18 hours ago

Both. The February 2018 split resulted in a wet March saving that season and a January 2019 split resulted in the very wet/cold February thru mid March 2019

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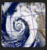

SoCalWXwatcher ↪ Leor Pantilat • 17 hours ago

Ah. I forgot about the 2019 event.

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redlands ↪ Weather West • 19 hours ago

Explain --- Thoughts

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SoCal Al (El Monte-SGV) • 19 hours ago

With one weak system since last May that dropped 0.18" on Nov 7th, it sure would be nice to get some convection and at least 1/2" of rain from this upper low.

From Oxnard (excerpt):

There might be a little convection Monday afternoon as the core of the upper low swings through with a core temp near -27C. Precipitation totals this far away from the event are always a little suspect but right now this looks like a half inch to an inch event. Also...while the 6 hour pops are all under 50 percent due to timing issues there is actually a very high percentage chc of rain on Monday.

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el miradero/ sfv ➦ SoCal Al (El Monte-SGV) • 19 hours ago

A grand total of 0.06 here so far. It would be great to be at least one inch by year's end.

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SoCal Al (El Monte-SGV) ➦ el miradero/ sfv • 19 hours ago • edited

It's definitely a far cry from last Nov/Dec when I recorded 8.76" heading into this year. What's strange, Jan/Feb was very dry (0.32" total), then the back-loaded season kicked-in and I tallied 8.12" in Mar/April. We could get another back-loaded rain year with a weakening La Nina heading into spring. We can only hope.

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redlands ➦ SoCal Al (El Monte-SGV) • 19 hours ago

I was only sitting at 4.99 on Dec-31-2019 ---- right now only 0.56 --- April 2020 had 3.08 -- wettest April ive recorded

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el miradero/ sfv ➦ SoCal Al (El Monte-SGV) • 19 hours ago

Last year the hillsides with almost lush. But we certainly know that the spigot can turn off at any time each winter.

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redlands ➦ el miradero/ sfv • 19 hours ago

Wow --- i thought my 0.56 was lousy -- July start 2020-2021 ---- very unusual for me in Redlands, Ca to be ahead --- storms usually to the flop-thing when they arrive in Redlands, Ca -- Southern Ca

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el miradero/ sfv ➦ redlands • 19 hours ago

There are rain shadows that can disrupt rainfall in the San Fernando Valley. I know areas up around Tujunga that get rain shadowed x 2 due to surrounding mountains.

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ SoCal Al (El Monte-SGV) • 19 hours ago • edited

It would be nice to receive between 0.5" and 1", as that would really help out with the fire danger and also be a good soaker. Of course, there could be some flooding and runoff issues in and around recent burn scars, especially in the Silverado Canyon area and vicinity.

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redlands ➦ Dan the Weatherman • 19 hours ago

Dan -- Wouldnt it depend on how fast the rain came -- if it was spread out in 6 to 12 hours period

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ redlands • 19 hours ago

A steady rain over a 6-12 hour period would be much more beneficial as most of it would soak into the ground as opposed to a 2-3 hour downpour in which there would be more runoff.

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Kȳros • 20 hours ago

Video of what government wildfire response looked like in Syria this fall. Coastal regions suffered some devastating wild fires which is the last thing they needed. While the fires here are awful, we (and other countries like Australia, Spain, etc) are lucky to have a (relatively) high amount of resources/equipment to fight them.

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rob b-Truckee/East Bay ➦ Kȳros • 20 hours ago

yikes and notice the person in the back with the shovel just standing there..

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Kȳros ➦ rob b-Truckee/East Bay • 20 hours ago

Yes I feel dumping dirt on it would be a little bit more effective?

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rob b-Truckee/East Bay ➦ Kȳros • 20 hours ago

most definitely, better than using flammable branches and possibly flinging more sparks into the air I'd think?

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Charlie B • 20 hours ago

It is not beach weather today up in Barrow. Temps in the negative mid teen's (after -30) with winds close to 40 mph and wind chills as low as -55.

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ Charlie B • 20 hours ago

Hopefully the Arctic is beginning to freeze over in the region if it hasn't already done so!

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AR (Sunnyvale) ➦ Charlie B • 20 hours ago

Barrow? Don't you mean Utqiu02qujialz@#^((}+P{:l'6euasdvik?

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Shane Spencer ➦ AR (Sunnyvale) • 16 hours ago

Bwahahahahahaaaa!!!!! OMG that's hilarious!!

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Charlie B ➦ AR (Sunnyvale) • 20 hours ago

I think that is the new name of Fairbanks.

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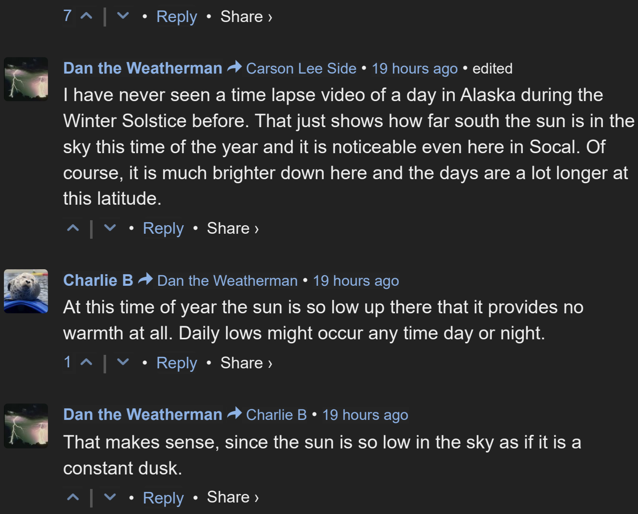
Carson Lee Side ➦ Charlie B • 19 hours ago • edited

Speaking of Fairbanks, here is a cool timelapse video of their very short day on the December Solstice.

It has recently felt like a bit of a drag when the sun begins to set behind my local hill at 3:15 p.m., as I am in a shady corner of this cold valley. But seeing this video from Alaska is making me appreciate the relatively luxuriously long days here in western Nevada at 39.2° N. Latitude.



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Dan the Weatherman ➦ Carson Lee Side • 19 hours ago • edited

I have never seen a time lapse video of a day in Alaska during the Winter Solstice before. That just shows how far south the sun is in the sky this time of the year and it is noticeable even here in Socal. Of course, it is much brighter down here and the days are a lot longer at this latitude.

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Charlie B ➦ Dan the Weatherman • 19 hours ago

At this time of year the sun is so low up there that it provides no warmth at all. Daily lows might occur any time day or night.

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ Charlie B • 19 hours ago

That makes sense, since the sun is so low in the sky as if it is a constant dusk.

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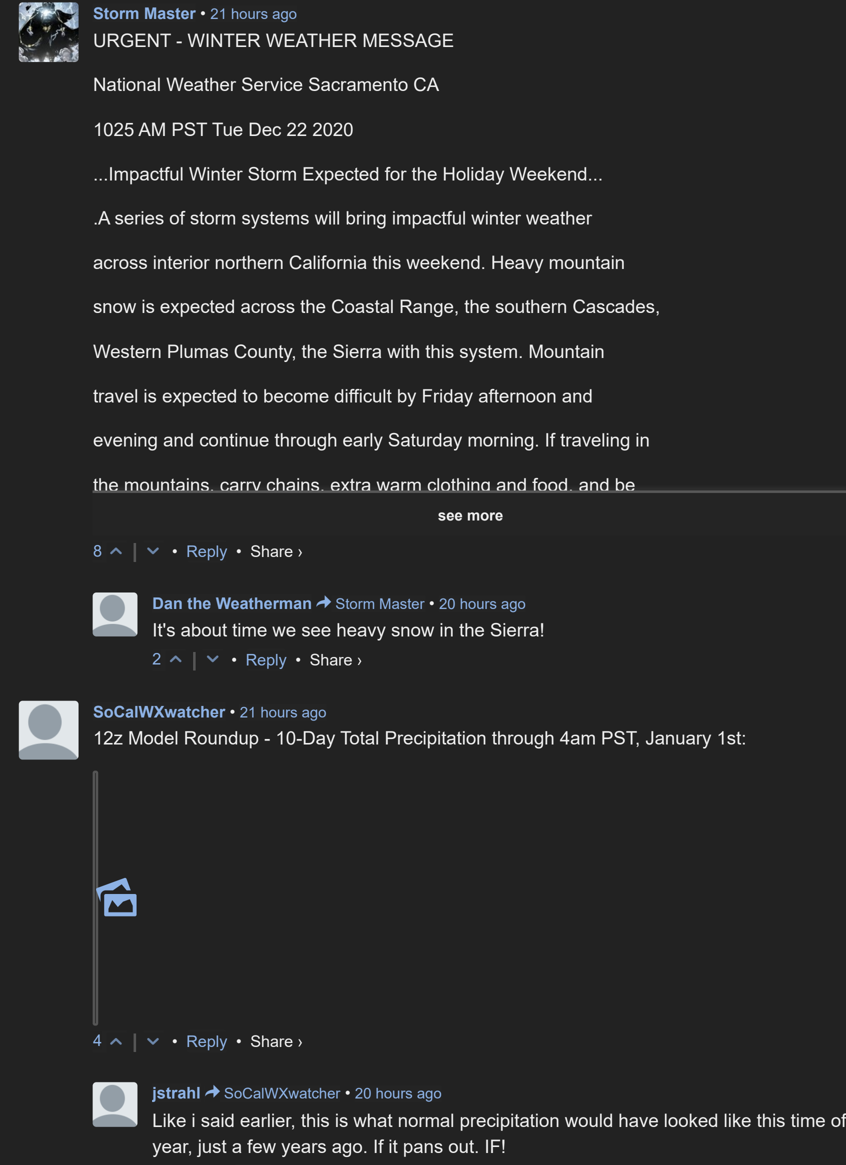


Storm Master • 21 hours ago

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE

National Weather Service Sacramento CA

1025 AM PST Tue Dec 22 2020

...Impactful Winter Storm Expected for the Holiday Weekend...

.A series of storm systems will bring impactful winter weather across interior northern California this weekend. Heavy mountain snow is expected across the Coastal Range, the southern Cascades, Western Plumas County, the Sierra with this system. Mountain travel is expected to become difficult by Friday afternoon and evening and continue through early Saturday morning. If traveling in the mountains, carry chains, extra warm clothing and food, and be

Dan the Weatherman Storm Master • 20 hours ago

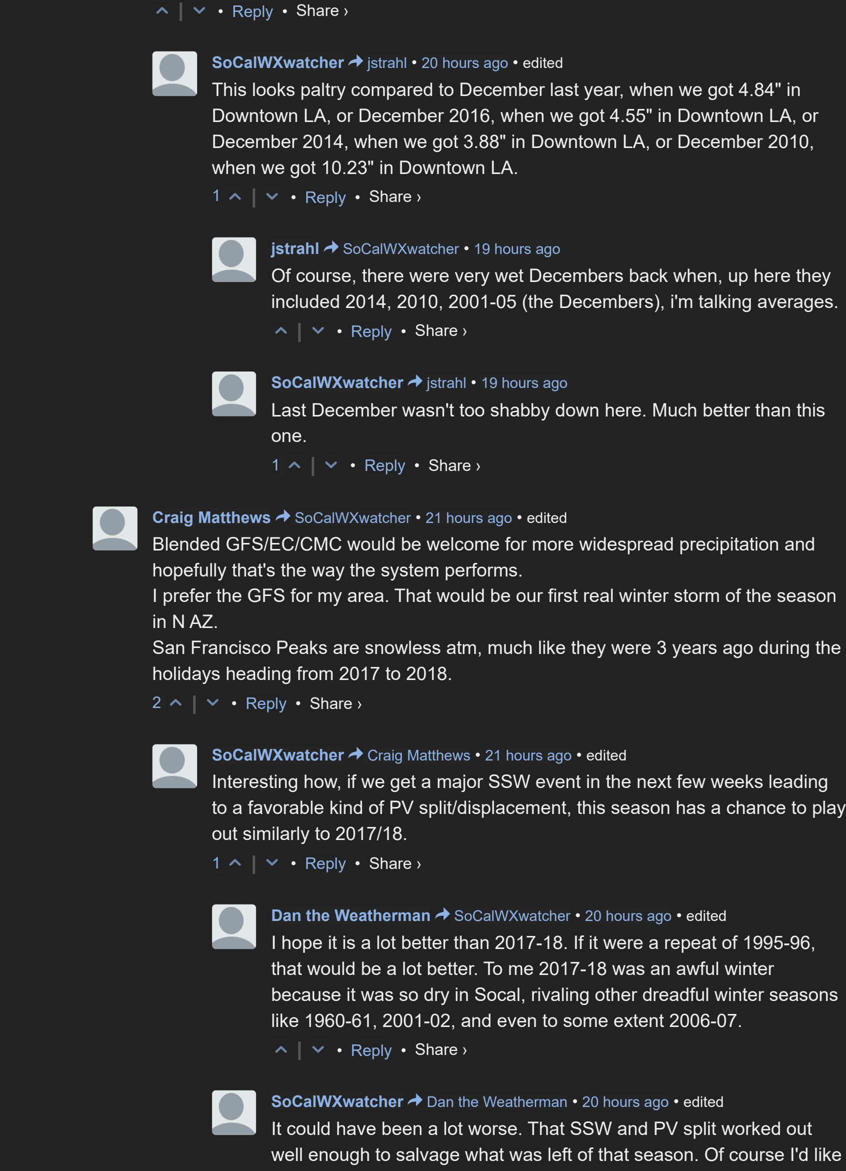
It's about time we see heavy snow in the Sierra!

SoCalWXwatcher • 21 hours ago

12z Model Roundup - 10-Day Total Precipitation through 4am PST, January 1st:

jstrahl SoCalWXwatcher • 20 hours ago

Like i said earlier, this is what normal precipitation would have looked like this time of year, just a few years ago. If it pans out. IF!



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SoCalWXwatcher ➦ jstrahl • 20 hours ago • edited

This looks paltry compared to December last year, when we got 4.84" in Downtown LA, or December 2016, when we got 4.55" in Downtown LA, or December 2014, when we got 3.88" in Downtown LA, or December 2010, when we got 10.23" in Downtown LA.

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jstrahl ➦ SoCalWXwatcher • 19 hours ago

Of course, there were very wet Decembers back when, up here they included 2014, 2010, 2001-05 (the Decembers), i'm talking averages.

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SoCalWXwatcher ➦ jstrahl • 19 hours ago

Last December wasn't too shabby down here. Much better than this one.

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Craig Matthews ➦ SoCalWXwatcher • 21 hours ago • edited

Blended GFS/EC/CMC would be welcome for more widespread precipitation and hopefully that's the way the system performs.
I prefer the GFS for my area. That would be our first real winter storm of the season in N AZ.
San Francisco Peaks are snowless atm, much like they were 3 years ago during the holidays heading from 2017 to 2018.

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SoCalWXwatcher ➦ Craig Matthews • 21 hours ago • edited

Interesting how, if we get a major SSW event in the next few weeks leading to a favorable kind of PV split/displacement, this season has a chance to play out similarly to 2017/18.

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ SoCalWXwatcher • 20 hours ago • edited

I hope it is a lot better than 2017-18. If it were a repeat of 1995-96, that would be a lot better. To me 2017-18 was an awful winter because it was so dry in Socal, rivaling other dreadful winter seasons like 1960-61, 2001-02, and even to some extent 2006-07.

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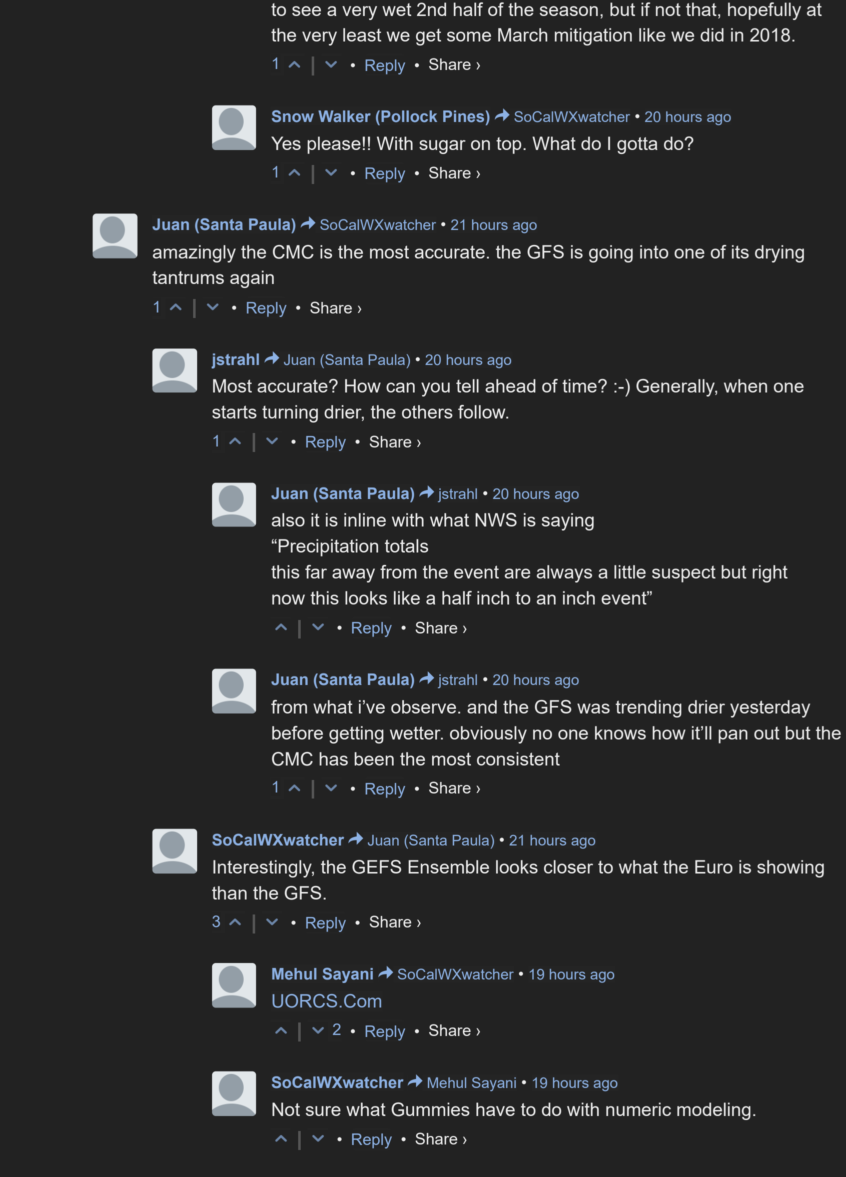
SoCalWXwatcher ➦ Dan the Weatherman • 20 hours ago • edited

It could have been a lot worse. That SSW and PV split worked out well enough to salvage what was left of that season. Of course I'd like



to see a very wet 2nd half of the season, but if not that, hopefully at the very least we get some March mitigation like we did in 2018.

Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) → SoCalWXwatcher • 20 hours ago

Yes please!! With sugar on top. What do I gotta do?

Juan (Santa Paula) → SoCalWXwatcher • 21 hours ago

amazingly the CMC is the most accurate. the GFS is going into one of its drying tantrums again

jstrahl → Juan (Santa Paula) • 20 hours ago

Most accurate? How can you tell ahead of time? :-) Generally, when one starts turning drier, the others follow.

Juan (Santa Paula) → jstrahl • 20 hours ago

also it is inline with what NWS is saying
“Precipitation totals
this far away from the event are always a little suspect but right now this looks like a half inch to an inch event”

Juan (Santa Paula) → jstrahl • 20 hours ago

from what i’ve observe. and the GFS was trending drier yesterday before getting wetter. obviously no one knows how it’ll pan out but the CMC has been the most consistent

SoCalWXwatcher → Juan (Santa Paula) • 21 hours ago

Interestingly, the GEFS Ensemble looks closer to what the Euro is showing than the GFS.

Mehul Sayani → SoCalWXwatcher • 19 hours ago

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SoCalWXwatcher → Mehul Sayani • 19 hours ago

Not sure what Gummies have to do with numeric modeling.

Jose Lopez → Mehul Sayani • 19 hours ago

Ok. Thank you

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Mathilde Caille → Mehul Sayani • 19 hours ago

thank you my friend

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Nathan • 21 hours ago • edited

Some Covid stats to mull:

Today, 25/50 states are observing a diminished rate of spread, ie, Rt < 1. 25/50 states still have growing spread, Rt > 1.

Compare this to two months ago, when 49/50 states had growing spread:

Here are the states with the most new cases per million people, an average over the previous week

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EastBayDipole → Nathan • 20 hours ago

California has not yet peaked. The death toll will be staggering here

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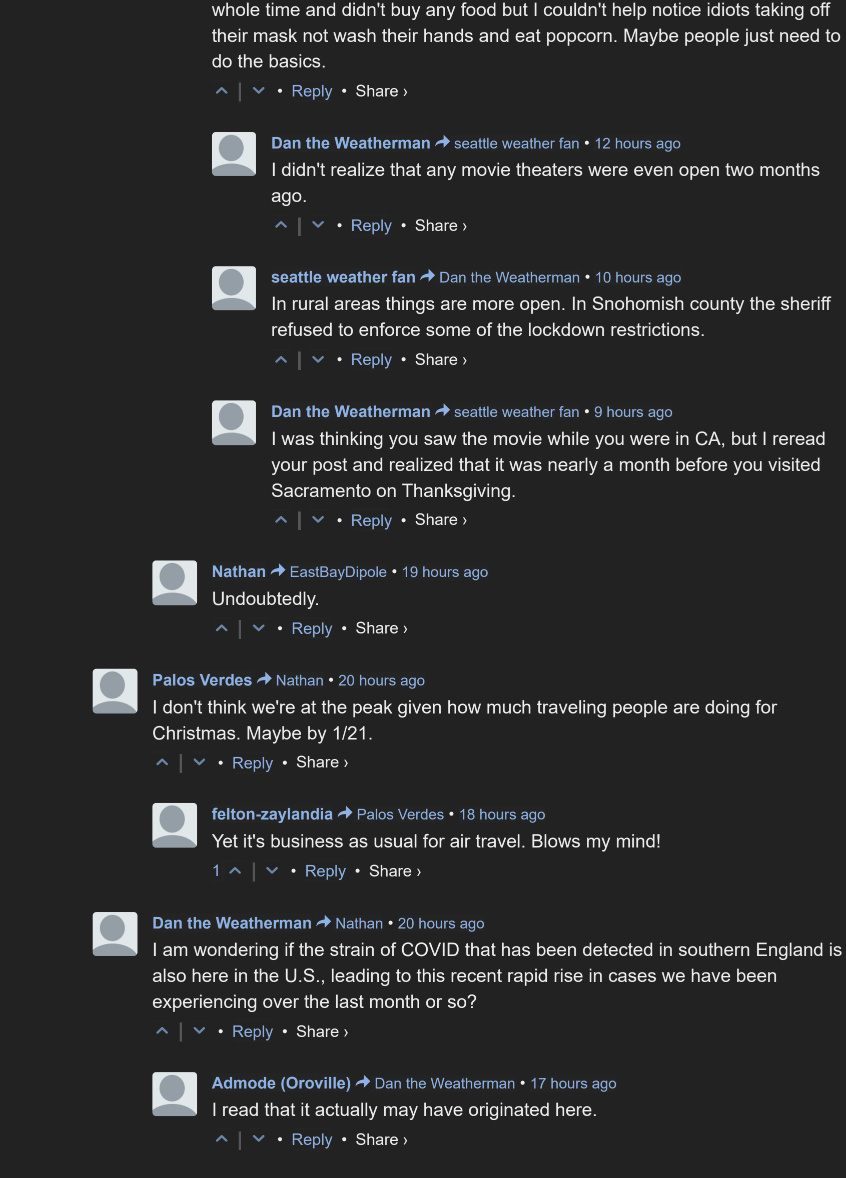
seattle weather fan → EastBayDipole • 16 hours ago

I wonder why the number of cases in California continues to rise it seems like the lockdown should be lowering the numbers. I guess alot of people are ignoring the lockdown. I visited Sacramento California for thanksgiving but I was careful to always wear a mask in public, wash my hands before eating anything/didn't eat in crowded spaces and I stayed at my parents house only went out to do a short hike or two. My sister had to fly from New York city to San Francisco for a job in June. Neither of us has gotten COVID. I'm not so sure traveling is problem I think people are not being careful when they travel. I saw Tennant in the movie theater 2 months ago I wore my mask the



whole time and didn't buy any food but I couldn't help notice idiots taking off their mask not wash their hands and eat popcorn. Maybe people just need to do the basics.

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Dan the Weatherman → seattle weather fan • 12 hours ago

I didn't realize that any movie theaters were even open two months ago.

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seattle weather fan → Dan the Weatherman • 10 hours ago

In rural areas things are more open. In Snohomish county the sheriff refused to enforce some of the lockdown restrictions.

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Dan the Weatherman → seattle weather fan • 9 hours ago

I was thinking you saw the movie while you were in CA, but I reread your post and realized that it was nearly a month before you visited Sacramento on Thanksgiving.

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Nathan → EastBayDipole • 19 hours ago

Undoubtedly.

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Palos Verdes → Nathan • 20 hours ago

I don't think we're at the peak given how much traveling people are doing for Christmas. Maybe by 1/21.

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felton-zaylandia → Palos Verdes • 18 hours ago

Yet it's business as usual for air travel. Blows my mind!

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Dan the Weatherman → Nathan • 20 hours ago

I am wondering if the strain of COVID that has been detected in southern England is also here in the U.S., leading to this recent rapid rise in cases we have been experiencing over the last month or so?

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Admode (Oroville) → Dan the Weatherman • 17 hours ago

I read that it actually may have originated here.

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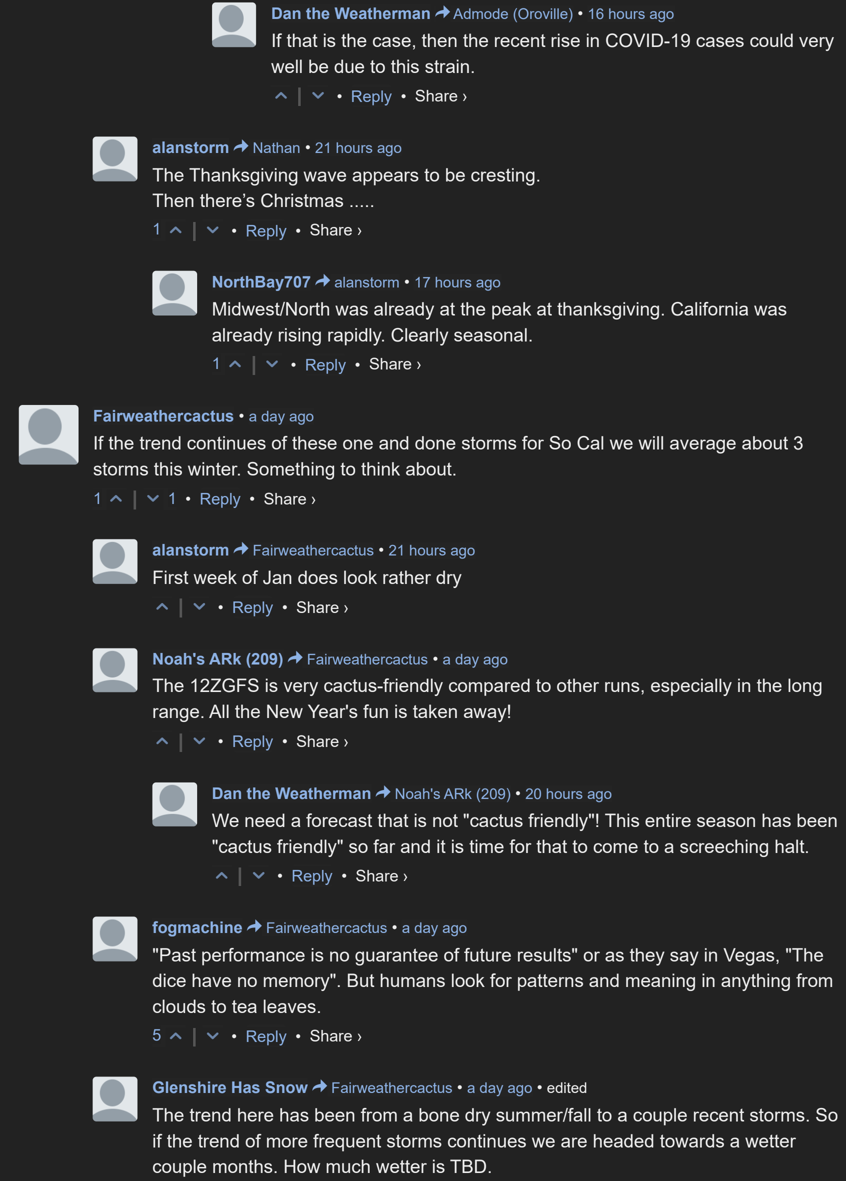

Dan the Weatherman ↪ Admode (Oroville) • 16 hours ago

If that is the case, then the recent rise in COVID-19 cases could very well be due to this strain.

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alanstorm ↪ Nathan • 21 hours ago

The Thanksgiving wave appears to be cresting.
Then there’s Christmas .....

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NorthBay707 ↪ alanstorm • 17 hours ago

Midwest/North was already at the peak at thanksgiving. California was already rising rapidly. Clearly seasonal.

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Fairweathercactus • a day ago

If the trend continues of these one and done storms for So Cal we will average about 3 storms this winter. Something to think about.

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alanstorm ↪ Fairweathercactus • 21 hours ago

First week of Jan does look rather dry

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Noah's ARk (209) ↪ Fairweathercactus • a day ago

The 12ZGFS is very cactus-friendly compared to other runs, especially in the long range. All the New Year's fun is taken away!

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Dan the Weatherman ↪ Noah's ARk (209) • 20 hours ago

We need a forecast that is not "cactus friendly"! This entire season has been "cactus friendly" so far and it is time for that to come to a screeching halt.

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fogmachine ↪ Fairweathercactus • a day ago

"Past performance is no guarantee of future results" or as they say in Vegas, "The dice have no memory". But humans look for patterns and meaning in anything from clouds to tea leaves.

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Glenshire Has Snow ↪ Fairweathercactus • a day ago • edited

The trend here has been from a bone dry summer/fall to a couple recent storms. So if the trend of more frequent storms continues we are headed towards a wetter couple months. How much wetter is TBD.

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DS MD ➦ Fairweathercactus • a day ago

Once again you have no idea what you are talking about.

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